

CIPP Can Help

Under Kansas law, anyone with knowledge of a practice that is or could be below the standard of care must immediately notify the appropriate authorities. Since CIPP acts as an agent of the Board of Pharmacy, these reports or self-referrals can be made confidentially directly to CIPP. Once notified, CIPP will:

- Appoint a qualified CIPP representative to verify that a problem exists.
- Refer the pharmacist to an appropriate treatment facility or counselor for evaluation.
- Assist the pharmacist with any pending disciplinary action or procedures.
- Monitor and verify treatment progress and compliance.
- Provide support activities for the recovering pharmacist, family members, and friends.

For more information on the services available through CIPP call (785) 217-7091 and ask to speak to a CIPP representative. All calls to CIPP are confidential. The CIPP program is supported by a grant from the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy and by the donated time and services of pharmacists and pharmacy intern volunteers.



Telephone Number Change:

**Please Note Effective 3/15/09
Our New Telephone Number:
(785) 217-7091**



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Committee on Impaired Pharmacy Practice

***Confidential
referral for
pharmacists and
pharmacy interns***



***Let us be your
parachute.***

Purpose

The Committee on Impaired Pharmacy Practice (CIPP) is a voluntary program established by the Kansas



Pharmacists Association (KPhA) for the purpose of assisting any pharmacist or pharmacy intern whose health and/or professional effectiveness has been or is likely to be impaired by the disease of chemical dependency and/or other physical or mental disabilities. Services provided

by CIPP are intended to be in the best interest of the pharmacist/intern and the public. Through CIPP, troubled/ impaired pharmacists and pharmacy interns are encouraged to seek treatment and rehabilitation.

Goals

- Protect the public by fulfilling the ethical obligations of the profession.
- Educate Kansas pharmacists and pharmacy interns, their families and concerned others about the disease of chemical dependency and/or other physical or mental disabilities, and the Association's program of assistance.
- Encourage voluntary participation in this program or in other programs of recovery for pharmacists and pharmacy interns.
- Provide a mechanism of intervention, referral, and monitoring of pharmacists and pharmacy interns who are actually or potentially impaired by the use of alcohol or other drugs and/or other physical or mental disabilities.

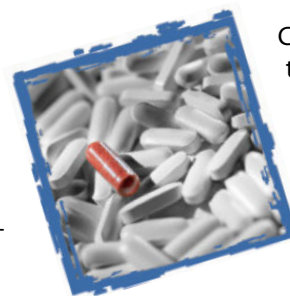


Chemical Dependency

The vast majority of problems seen by CIPP and programs like it around the country are related to a chronic disease called chemical dependency - an addiction to alcohol and/or other drugs.

Over 10% of the total population suffers from chemical dependency. Some estimate that the risk of becoming chemically dependent is at least this high for health care professionals; others believe this estimate is too conservative. Clearly, no profession is immune.

Chemical dependency is a primary disease which follows a predictable and progressive course. It is a permanent condition. Left unchecked, it is fatal and threatens the health and safety of family, friends, and, in the case of the health care professional, the public. Fortunately, chemical dependency can be effectively treated.



CIPP Services

In keeping with its commitment to enhance the profession's awareness of chemical dependency, CIPP also provides information on the following related topics:

- Prevention of problems leading to impaired practice
- Recognizing chemical dependency
- Availability of treatment and counseling (including programs, costs, etc.)
- Family, marital, or professional problems

CIPP assures all participants in its program the utmost confidentiality. No one outside of CIPP, not even the Board of Pharmacy, will be notified of the referred pharmacist's condition unless he or she fails to cooperate with the CIPP program. Together, pharmacists and CIPP can work toward overcoming chemical dependency, ensuring the public and the profession that this illness is being carefully and competently addressed.

Help Us Help You

If you have a problem, or you're concerned about someone who does, remember: You are not alone. CIPP can help.

Don't wait until a problem threatens someone's career and pharmacy license. Call and see how CIPP can help.

